(c) and (d) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 which seeks to provide an alternate law for the country for combating terrorism was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May, 1995, when the erstwhile Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 was allowed to lapse. This has remained pending due to absence of consensus on the passing of this Bill. On the advise of this Ministry, the Law Commission of India has submitted the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 for combating terrorism. The provisions of the proposed Bill would extend to the whole of India. The Government has invited the views of all State Governments/UT Administrations on the various provisions of the Bill. Govt. will also hold wide consultations with political parties, other groups etc before a view is finalized in the matter.

Digging trenches and reorganising border observation posts by Pakistan Army

4029 SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani Army has started digging trenches and reorganizing border observation posts along 200-Km. long international border in Jammu;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unusual activity along the border on Pakistan side has been noticed and Pakistan Army regulars are involved in this activity; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in order to enable the farmers on the Indian side to cultivate their land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Available inputs indicate that Pakistan Rangers/troops opposite Jammu sector are constructing/ maintaining their defences. They are reportedly upgrading some of their existing positions by fortifying them. They have also been constructing new bunkers. They have also conducted summer training/exercise during April/May, 2001.

Frequent flag meetings at local Commanders level with Pak Rangers are held to bring down the incidents of unprovoked firing by Pak on Indian civilians working in their fields.